Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NAIROB 11620 041429Z
ACTION PM-05

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00
INR-10 NSAE-00 HA-05 AID-05 TRSE-00 OMB-01 L-03
/062 W
----------094996 051025Z /20
R 041309Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
TO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE ECJ4/7-SAOT
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9457
SECDEF WASHDC
JCS WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 11620

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, KE, US
SUBJ: IMET PROGRAM

REF: (A) USCINCEUR 271623Z JUL 78, (B) USCINCEUR 130833Z JUL 78,
(C) NAIROBI 11333 DTG 0113072 AUG 78, (D) NAIROBI 10859 DTG
240620Z JUL 78

1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO BOTH REFS A AND B.

2. FOLLOWING KEYED TO PARA 2A REFTEL A IN ORDER OF
PRIORITY: 2, 1, 3, 4 AND 5.

3. RE PARA 2B REFTEL A: KENYAN ARMED FORCES HAD BEEN
NEGLECTED FOR MANY YEARS IN FAVOR OF CONCENTRATING ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. RECENTLY MAJOR MODERNIZATION PLAN
DECIDED ON, ONE ASPECT OF WHICH HAS BEEN DOD/STATE SURVEY
TEAM WHOSE REPORT SUBMITTED KENYAN MILITARY JULY 17, 1978.
SURVEY REPORT FOUND SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES IN WHOLE COMMAND AND
CONTROL STRUCTURE, LOGISTICS, TRAINING APPARATUS AND PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT. THUS, WE BELIEVE SUCH COURSES AS ARMY COMMAND AND
GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE (2 SLOTS PROGRAMMED FY 78 PROGRAM),
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NAIROB 11620 041429Z

AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE (1 SLOT PROGRAMED FY 78),
SQUADRON OFFICER SCHOOL (1 SLOT PROGRAMED FY 78) AND
INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE MANAGEMENT COURSE (2 SLOTS PROGRAMED
FY 78) PARTICULARLY RELEVANT KENYAN NEEDS. KENYAN MILITARY
PRESENTLY SUFFERS FROM COMPARTMENTALIZATION AND ALL TRAINING
WHICH AFFORDS MORE SENIOR RANKS (LT COL AND ABOVE) BROAD GRASP
OF COMMAND AND CONTROL AND DEFENSE MANAGEMENT PARTICULARLY

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

PERTINENT. IN ADDITION, AS KENYAN MILITARY MOVES INTO MORE MECHANIZED PHASE, INCLUDING MECHANIZED INFANTRY AND AIR CAVALRY (LATTER STRESSED BY SURVEY REPORT) IMET TRAINING IN THESE AREAS, BOTH AT COMMAND AND TECHNICAL LEVELS, WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY NECESSARY. HERETOFORE LIMITED PILOT TRAINING (1 UPT/T37 PROGRAMED FY 78) AND COURSES IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, SAFETY, SUPPLY AND JET ENGINE MAINTENANCE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY HELPED SUPPORT F-5 AIR SUPERIORITY PROGRAM. THIS NEEC IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

4. RE PARA 2C REFTEL A: IMET FOR ARMY AND NAVY TRAINING PRESENTLY MANAGED BY TWO-MAN POLITICAL SECTION OF EMBASSY. IMET TRAINING FOR AIR FORCE AND FMS TRAINING (F-5 PROGRAM) MANAGED BY OFFICER ASSIGNED TAFT WHICH WORKS UNDER SUPERVISION OF EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF ODC WHICH WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL IMET AND FMS TRAINING IF AND WHEN ESTABLISHED.

5. RE PARA 2D REF A: WHILE PRINCIPLE OF MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (MTT) VALID FOR SOME CASES, FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE IN CONNECTION KENYAN F-5 PROGRAM HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT LOCAL SHORTCOMINGS IN PROVIDING NECESSARY INTRASTRUCTURE PRESENT SERIOUS RISK TO IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMS. ALSO, EMBASSY EXPECTS INFLUENCE OF KENYAN MILITARY TO GROW COMMENSURATE WITH ITS GROWTH IN SIZE AND SOPHISTICATION AND THAT EXPOSURE OF KENYAN MILITARY TO U.S. WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ASSET TO OUR LONG-RANGE
CONFIDENTIAL

INTERESTS.

6. RE PARA 2E REF A: AS DEVELOPING COUNTRY PRESENTLY EXPERIENCING ACURE FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEM, WE DO NOT BELIEVE GOK IN POSITION PICK UP TLA COSTS. INSISTENCE THAT GOK PAY TLA WOULD IN EMBASSY'S VIEW SERIOUSLY DETRACT FROM POLITICAL BENEFIT WE GAIN FROM IMET. ALSO, WE BELIEVE IT EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES KENYA WOULD SHIFT AWAY FROM U.S. TRAINING IN FAVOR OF TRADITIONAL LINKS WITH UK AS WELL AS SUCH ALTERNATE SOURCES AS ISRAEL, INDIA AND PAKISTAN.

7. FOLLOWING KEYED TO PARA 2 REF B:
A) TO DATE INCREASED TUITION PRICES HAVE BEEN OFFSET BY INCREASED BUDGET FOR IMET AND ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR FMS TRAINING WITHIN F-5 PROGRAM. HOWEVER, KENYA'S FUTURE NEEDS FOR IMET AND FMS TRAINING (IN CONNECTION WITH ANTICIPATED PROGRAM) EXPECTED TO INCREASE. CONSEQUENTLY, INCREASED TUITION PRICES EXPECTED TO BECOME SERIOUS CONSTRAINT GIVEN OVERALL TIGHT BUDGETARY SITUATION FOR BOTH GRANT AID (IMET) AND FMS CREDITS.
B) NONE, ALTHOUGH QUESTION NOT RELEVANT TO KENYAN SITUATION GIVEN STEADY BUILDUP OF PROGRAM.
C) KENYA HAS NOT YET TURNED TO ALTERNATE SOURCES BECAUSE OF

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

INCREASED TUITION PRICES ALTHOUGH SUCH INCREASED PRICES COULD
CAUSE THIS IN THE FUTURE.
D) U.S. MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH KENYA STARTING IN 1976
WITH F-5 PROGRAM HAS BEEN INCREASING. DOD/STATE MILITARY SURVEY
TEAM, WHOSE REPORT NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY GOK, RECOMMENDS
U.S. SUPPORT FOR SOME OF LONG-TERM MODERNIZATION PLANS OF
KENYAN MILITARY. GIVEN EXPANDING NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP, EMBASSY
BELIEVES REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF KENYAN STUDENTS SENT CONUS FOR
TRAINING WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE SIGNAL AT THIS
TIME. WHILE LONG-TERM IMPACT OF ANY REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF
STUDENTS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN AT THIS TIME, WE BELIEVE
NONETHELESS IT DEFINITELY IN OUR INTEREST TO CONTINUE
TRAINING PROGRAM AT VERY MINIMUM AT CURRENT LEVEL.
LE MELLE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY TRAINING
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978NAIROB11620
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780321-0695
Format: TEL
From: NAIROBI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780898/aaaaddzb.tel
Line Count: 136
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 03f2356a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION PM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 NAIROBI 11333, 78 NAIROBI 10859
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1835990
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IMET PROGRAM
TAGS: MASS, KE, US
To: USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/03f2356a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014